

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 were pending in the instant application. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-4 and 6-17 and has objected to Claim 5. Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 2 and cancelled Claims 9-11. Applicants have added new Claim 18. Applicants assert that no new matter is being added by the amendments. Applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional or continuation applications to any subject matter not currently being pursued.

35 USC 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-17 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner has indicated the divalent variables R¹⁰ and R¹² should be called alkylene, not alkyl.

Applicants have amended Claim 1 to address the Examiner's concern. Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

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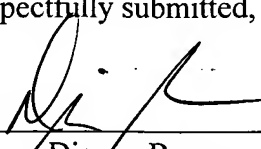
The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-2 and 12-17 under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being obvious WO 97/16455. The Examiner has also rejected Claims 1-3, 9-10 and 12-17 under 35 USC 103(a) as allegedly being obvious WO 02/066464 (US 7045515).

Applicants have amended Claims 1 and 2. Applicants believe that the Examiner's concerns have been rendered moot and respectfully request that these rejections be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully contend that Claims 1-8 and 12-17, as amended, and new Claim 18, are allowable. An early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited. If there are any fees, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2755. If a telephonic communication will aid in the acceptance of this amendment, please telephone Applicants' representative listed below.

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